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Jixiong Dong

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Examiner: A. Chriss

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the attached documents. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted herewith copies of any cited references on the attached, as any such references have already been submitted.

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